



NEWS RELEASE

HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

For release: June 28, 2016

Contact: Sherry Llewellyn, 410-313-2236
stllewellyn@howardcountymd.gov

Two suspects charged in series of wire thefts and home burglaries

Two suspects have been charged with committing a series of copper wire thefts and home burglaries in the western end of Howard County.

Thomas Leo Hurley, 35, of Frederick Road in Woodbine, and Angela Marie King, 32, of Runkles Road in Mt. Airy, both have been charged with 10 counts each of theft, destruction of property and conspiracy to commit theft, and one count of engaging in a theft scheme in the wire theft cases. They also have been charged with multiple counts of burglary and theft in the residential cases.

In mid-June, police began investigating reports from Verizon that someone was cutting down wires containing copper from telephone poles. It was determined that hundreds of feet of wire valued at approximately \$87,000 had been stolen in less than two weeks.

Around the same time, police were receiving numerous reports of home burglaries in the same area, in which racing bicycles, power tools, golf clubs and other property were being stolen from garages.

After conducting an investigation, including checks of local scrap yards and pawn shops, detectives identified Hurley and King as suspects. Both have been charged in Howard County arrest warrants.

To date, the two have been charged with committing wire thefts in the following areas:

14200 block of Burtwoods Road, Glenwood
2600 block of Hobbs Road, Glenwood
Route 97 near Burntwoods Road, Glenwood
5000 block of Ten Oaks Road, Clarksville
12500 block of Triadelphia Road, Ellicott City
6100 block of Ten Oaks Road, Clarksville
Route 97 near Macclintock Drive, Glenwood
Ten Oaks Road near Brighton Dam Road, Clarksville
14200 block of Forsythe Road, Sykesville (two cases)

They also have been charged in the following residential burglary and theft cases:

12800 block of Triadelphia Road, Ellicott City
4000 block of Sharp Road, Glenelg
14000 block of Day Farm Road, Glenelg
13000 block of Royden Court, Ellicott City (two cases)
5400 block of Talon Court, Clarksville
13000 block of Williamfield Drive, Ellicott City

Hurley and King were arrested over the weekend in another jurisdiction and remain in custody. They are expected to face Howard County charges in the coming days. Detectives are investigating the possibility that the two may have been involved in additional similar cases in the area.

###